

STATE OF WISCONSIN

Senate Journal

One-Hundred and Seventh Regular Session

FRIDAY, May 9, 2025

The Chief Clerk made the following entries under the above date.

INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING, AND REFERENCE OF PROPOSALS

Read and referred:

Senate Resolution 4

Relating to: congratulating the Wisconsin Lutheran Boys Basketball team on their 2025 Division 1 State Basketball Championship.

By Senator Hutton.

To the committee on **Senate Organization**.

Senate Joint Resolution 45

Relating to: proclaiming May 2025 and May 2026 as Jewish American Heritage Months.

By Senators Habush Sinykin, Spreitzer, Wirsch, Wanggaard, Wall, Roys, Ratcliff, Pfaff, Larson, L. Johnson, Hesselbein, Drake and Carpenter; cosponsored by Representatives Subeck, VanderMeer, Udell, Tenorio, Stubbs, Snodgrass, Sinicki, Sheehan, Roe, Prado, Phelps, Palmeri, Ortiz-Velez, Neylon, Neubauer, Murphy, Miresse, Melotik, McCarville, Mayadev, Madison, Knodl, Kirsch, Johnson, Joers, J. Jacobson, Hong, Gundrum, Goodwin, Emerson, Dittrich, DeSmidt, DeSanto, Clancy, Brown, Bare, Arney and Anderson.

To the committee on **Senate Organization**.

Senate Joint Resolution 46

Relating to: honoring the life and public service of Representative Frederick P. Kessler.

By Senators Drake, Carpenter, Larson, Wall, Roys, Dassler-Alfheim, Hesselbein, Smith, Ratcliff, Wirsch, Spreitzer, Wanggaard and L. Johnson; cosponsored by Representatives Goodwin, Sinicki, Arney, Spiros, Doyle, Neubauer, Tenorio, Rivera-Wagner, Mursau, Madison, Brown, DeSmidt, Stubbs, Vining, Emerson, Kirsch, Fitzgerald, Phelps, Bare, Ortiz-Velez, Moore Omokunde, Kaufert, Clancy, Palmeri, J. Jacobson, Joers, Snodgrass, Haywood, Taylor, Prado, Johnson and Subeck.

To the committee on **Senate Organization**.

Senate Joint Resolution 47

Relating to: observing Tuesday, March 25, 2025, as Equal Pay Day in Wisconsin.

By Senators L. Johnson, Larson, Ratcliff, Carpenter, Dassler-Alfheim, Drake, Keyeski, Wirsch, Hesselbein,

Habush Sinykin, Pfaff, Smith, Wall, Spreitzer and Roys; cosponsored by Representatives Sinicki, Spaude, Sheehan, Rivera-Wagner, Bare, Hong, Billings, Taylor, Miresse, Doyle, Neubauer, Kirsch, DeSmidt, Arney, Moore Omokunde, Stubbs, Snodgrass, Palmeri, Tenorio, Cruz, Ortiz-Velez, Fitzgerald, Brown, Phelps, Udell, Madison, DeSanto, Subeck, Joers, Hysell, Vining, Roe, Mayadev, Stroud, Emerson, J. Jacobson, Andraca, Prado, McCarville, Goodwin, Johnson, Haywood, Anderson, Clancy and McGuire.

To the committee on **Senate Organization**.

Senate Joint Resolution 48

Relating to: congratulating Knights of Columbus Council 499 for achieving a century of compassionate commitment to service of the Church, their community, and their fellow man.

By Senator Quinn; cosponsored by Representative Green.

To the committee on **Senate Organization**.

Senate Joint Resolution 49

Relating to: commemorating Hmong-Lao Veterans Day and honoring the Hmong-Lao veterans who served alongside the United States in the Vietnam War.

By Senators Tomczyk, Testin, Habush Sinykin, Jacque, Larson, Pfaff, Ratcliff, Spreitzer, Wall, Wimberger and Wirsch; cosponsored by Representatives Snyder, Krug, Bare, Brown, Donovan, Emerson, Hong, Johnson, Kaufert, Kitchens, Knodl, McCarville, Melotik, Miresse, Moses, Neubauer, O'Connor, Palmeri, Rivera-Wagner, Roe, Sheehan, Sinicki, Snodgrass, Tenorio, Tranel, Wichgers, Wittke and Subeck.

To the committee on **Senate Organization**.

Senate Joint Resolution 50

Relating to: congratulating the Milwaukee Rufus King Cheer and Stunt Team on their double state championship win in 2025.

By Senators Drake, L. Johnson, Cabral-Guevara, Hesselbein, Larson, Ratcliff, Roys and Spreitzer; cosponsored by Representatives Madison, Haywood, Arney, Clancy, DeSmidt, Goodwin, Knodl, Miresse, Ortiz-Velez, Phelps, Prado, Sinicki, Snodgrass, Stubbs, Subeck, Tenorio and Vining.

To the committee on **Senate Organization**.

Senate Joint Resolution 51

Relating to: declaring May as Eye Health Awareness Month.

By Senators Jacque, Roys, Ratcliff and Spreitzer; cosponsored by Representatives Goeben, O'Connor, Murphy,

Goodwin, Subeck, Miresse, Sinicki, Joers, Ortiz-Velez, Phelps, Roe and Madison.

To the committee on **Senate Organization**.

Read first time and referred:

Senate Bill 236

Relating to: tampering with telecommunication or electric wires and providing a penalty.

By Senators James, Marklein, Nass, Pfaff and Ratcliff; cosponsored by Representatives Summerfield, Behnke, Callahan, Dittrich, Doyle, Green, Gundrum, Moses, Mursau, Penterman, Steffen, Subeck and Melotik.

To the committee on **Judiciary and Public Safety**.

Senate Bill 237

Relating to: a sales and use tax exemption for equipment associated with the use of a search and rescue dog.

By Senators James, Nass and Wanggaard; cosponsored by Representatives Green, Andraca, Behnke, Melotik, Mursau, Novak, O'Connor and Subeck.

To the committee on **Judiciary and Public Safety**.

Senate Bill 238

Relating to: harassment of search and rescue dogs and providing a penalty.

By Senators James and Wanggaard; cosponsored by Representatives Green, Andraca, Behnke, Dittrich, Gundrum, Mursau, Nedweski, Novak, O'Connor, Piwowarczyk and Subeck.

To the committee on **Judiciary and Public Safety**.

Senate Bill 239

Relating to: prohibiting hotels, inns, and motels from discriminating against dog handlers who are accompanied by search and rescue dogs.

By Senators James and Wanggaard; cosponsored by Representatives Green, Andraca, Mursau, O'Connor and Piwowarczyk.

To the committee on **Judiciary and Public Safety**.

Senate Bill 240

Relating to: workforce literacy grant program.

By Senators Jagler, Bradley, Nass and Stafsholt; cosponsored by Representatives Maxey, Melotik, Behnke, Dittrich, Gundrum, Mursau and O'Connor.

To the committee on **Government Operations, Labor and Economic Development**.

Senate Bill 241

Relating to: tax incremental financing districts containing qualified data centers.

By Senators Jagler and Feyen; cosponsored by Representatives Born, Brooks, Franklin, Green, B. Jacobson, Knodl, Kreibich, Melotik, Nedweski, O'Connor, Piwowarczyk, Snyder and Steffen.

To the committee on **Government Operations, Labor and Economic Development**.

Senate Bill 242

Relating to: required ratio of journeyworkers to apprentices in apprenticeship programs and contracts.

By Senators Kapenga, Feyen, Hutton, Jacque, James, Stafsholt, Cabral-Guevara and Testin; cosponsored by

Representatives Maxey, Neylon, Armstrong, Brill, Brooks, Dittrich, Franklin, Green, Gundrum, Knodl, Melotik, Murphy, Novak, O'Connor, Penterman, Tucker, Wichgers, Wittke, Gustafson, Zimmerman and Goeben.

To the committee on **Government Operations, Labor and Economic Development**.

Senate Bill 243

Relating to: the age at which an infant is covered under the safe haven law.

By Senators Hutton and Cabral-Guevara; cosponsored by Representatives Gundrum, O'Connor, Novak, Brill, Maxey, Kreibich, Prado, Kitchens, Wichgers, Goeben, Behnke, Gustafson and Knodl.

To the committee on **Mental Health, Substance Abuse Prevention, Children and Families**.

Senate Bill 244

Relating to: modifying the sales and use tax exemption for qualified data centers.

By Senators Quinn and Bradley; cosponsored by Representatives Zimmerman, Gustafson, Armstrong, Kreibich, O'Connor, Piwowarczyk, Snyder, Wittke and Knodl.

To the committee on **Agriculture and Revenue**.

Senate Bill 245

Relating to: a pilot school-centered mental health program.

By Senators James and Testin; cosponsored by Representatives Dittrich, Armstrong, Callahan, Donovan, B. Jacobson, Kreibich, Maxey, Mursau, Novak and Piwowarczyk.

To the committee on **Mental Health, Substance Abuse Prevention, Children and Families**.

Senate Bill 246

Relating to: a special observance day in schools for Armenian Genocide Awareness Day.

By Senators Wanggaard, Wirth, Habush Sinykin, Carpenter, Drake, Hesselbein, Keyeski, Larson and Spreitzer; cosponsored by Representatives McGuire, Wittke, Arney, Bare, Brown, Clancy, DeSanto, DeSmidt, Goodwin, Joers, Johnson, Knodl, Madison, Miresse, Murphy, Neubauer, O'Connor, Ortiz-Velez, Penterman, Phelps, Prado, Rodriguez, Sinicki, Snodgrass, Snyder, Stroud, Stubbs, Taylor, Tenorio, Udell and Wichgers.

To the committee on **Education**.

Senate Bill 247

Relating to: local and private regulation of accessory dwelling units.

By Senators Roys, Ratcliff, Wall and Keyeski; cosponsored by Representatives Hong, Tenorio, Snodgrass, Rivera-Wagner, Brown, Palmeri, Bare, Roe and DeSmidt.

To the committee on **Insurance, Housing, Rural Issues and Forestry**.

Senate Bill 248

Relating to: license eligibility and restriction extensions relating to ignition interlock devices.

By Senators Wanggaard, Pfaff, Hutton, Larson, Feyen and Tomczyk; cosponsored by Representatives Spiros,

Kaufert, Andraca, Brooks, Dittrich, Goeben, Maxey, Murphy, Mursau, O'Connor, Penterman, Piwowarczyk, Snyder, Subeck, Knodl and Udell.

To the committee on **Judiciary and Public Safety**.

Senate Bill 249

Relating to: vacancies in appointive state offices.

By Senators Bradley, Quinn, Cabral-Guevara, Feyen, Marklein, Nass and Tomczyk; cosponsored by Representatives Allen, Maxey, Behnke, Brill, Brooks, Goeben, Green, Gundrum, Knodl, Kreibich, Murphy, O'Connor, Penterman, Piwowarczyk, Steffen and Wichgers.

To the committee on **Licensing, Regulatory Reform, State and Federal Affairs**.

Senate Bill 250

Relating to: prohibiting abandonment of a boat and providing a penalty.

By Senators Stafsholt, L. Johnson, Nass and Wanggaard; cosponsored by Representatives Zimmerman, Kreibich, Dittrich, Duchow, Green, Gundrum, O'Connor and Subeck.

To the committee on **Financial Institutions and Sporting Heritage**.

Senate Bill 251

Relating to: cost-sharing caps on prescription drugs and medical supplies to treat asthma under health insurance policies and plans.

By Senators Dassler-Alfheim, Keyeski, Drake, Hesselbein, L. Johnson, Larson, Ratcliff, Roys, Spreitzer and Wirsch; cosponsored by Representatives Snodgrass, Mayadev, McCarville, Anderson, Andraca, Arney, Bare, Brown, Clancy, DeSmidt, Emerson, Fitzgerald, J. Jacobson, Joers, Johnson, Madison, Miresse, Moore Omokunde, Neubauer, Ortiz-Velez, Palmeri, Phelps, Prado, Roe, Sheehan, Spaude, Stroud, Stubbs, Subeck, Tenorio and Udell.

To the committee on **Health**.

Senate Bill 252

Relating to: independence accounts.

By Senators Jacque and Feyen; cosponsored by Representatives Brooks, Kaufert, Allen, Knodl, Murphy, Mursau, Subeck, Wichgers and Behnke.

To the committee on **Government Operations, Labor and Economic Development**.

Senate Bill 253

Relating to: jurisdiction over juveniles on federal enclaves.

By Senator Jacque; cosponsored by Representatives Brooks and Wichgers.

To the committee on **Licensing, Regulatory Reform, State and Federal Affairs**.

Senate Bill 254

Relating to: funding for the War Memorial Center and making an appropriation.

By Senators Wimberger, Bradley, Carpenter, Habush Sinykin, L. Johnson, Pfaff, Wirsch and Ratcliff; cosponsored by Representatives Kurtz, Donovan, Sinicki, Anderson, Brown, DeSmidt, Dittrich, Doyle, Franklin, Goeben, Gundrum, B. Jacobson, Knodl, Kreibich, McCarville,

Melotik, Moore Omokunde, Mursau, Novak, O'Connor, Penterman, Piwowarczyk, Prado, Snodgrass, Snyder, Steffen, Tenorio, Tucker and Wichgers.

To the committee on **Natural Resources, Veteran and Military Affairs**.

Senate Bill 255

Relating to: regulation of the Chippewa and Flambeau Improvement Company.

By Senators James, Pfaff, Quinn and Smith; cosponsored by Representatives Summerfield, Doyle, Green, Moses, O'Connor, Piwowarczyk and Stroud.

To the committee on **Utilities and Tourism**.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES

The committee on **Insurance, Housing, Rural Issues and Forestry** reported and recommended:

Senate Bill 158

Relating to: county forest administration grant eligibility.

Passage.

Ayes: 5 - Senators Quinn, Jagler, Stafsholt, Wall and Dassler-Alfheim.

Noes: 0 - None.

Senate Bill 172

Relating to: prohibiting filing or recording contracts for services or materials that do not improve real estate and providing a penalty.

Senate Amendment 1 adoption.

Ayes: 5 - Senators Quinn, Jagler, Stafsholt, Wall and Dassler-Alfheim.

Noes: 0 - None.

Senate Amendment 2 adoption.

Ayes: 5 - Senators Quinn, Jagler, Stafsholt, Wall and Dassler-Alfheim.

Noes: 0 - None.

Passage as amended.

Ayes: 5 - Senators Quinn, Jagler, Stafsholt, Wall and Dassler-Alfheim.

Noes: 0 - None.

Senate Bill 178

Relating to: changes to the low-income housing tax credit.

Senate Amendment 1 adoption.

Ayes: 5 - Senators Quinn, Jagler, Stafsholt, Wall and Dassler-Alfheim.

Noes: 0 - None.

Passage as amended.

Ayes: 5 - Senators Quinn, Jagler, Stafsholt, Wall and Dassler-Alfheim.

Noes: 0 - None.

Senate Bill 180

Relating to: modifications to housing programs under the Wisconsin Housing and Economic Development Authority.

Senate Amendment 1 adoption.

Ayes: 4 - Senators Quinn, Jagler, Wall and Dassler-Alfheim.

Noes: 1 - Senator Stafsholt.

Passage as amended.

Ayes: 4 - Senators Quinn, Jagler, Wall and Dassler-Alfheim.

Noes: 1 - Senator Stafsholt.

Senate Bill 84

Relating to: exempting certain conveyances between grandparents and grandchildren from the real estate transfer fee.

Passage.

Ayes: 5 - Senators Quinn, Jagler, Stafsholt, Wall and Dassler-Alfheim.

Noes: 0 - None.

Senate Bill 98

Relating to: conversion of cooperative associations organized to establish and operate nonprofit plans or programs for health care into service insurance corporations.

Passage.

Ayes: 5 - Senators Quinn, Jagler, Stafsholt, Wall and Dassler-Alfheim.

Noes: 0 - None.

ROMAINE QUINN

Chairperson

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Pursuant to Senate Rule 17 (5), Senator Ratcliff added as a coauthor of **Senate Bill 140**.

Pursuant to Senate Rule 17 (5), Representative Penterman added as a cosponsor of **Senate Bill 172**.

Pursuant to Senate Rule 17 (5), Representative Fitzgerald added as a cosponsor of **Senate Joint Resolution 40**.

LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE BUREAU CORRECTIONS

CORRECTIONS IN:

SENATE AMENDMENT 1, TO 2025 SENATE BILL 180

Prepared by the Legislative Reference Bureau
(May 9, 2025)

1. Page 6, line 4: delete “52 (1)” and substitute “52 (2)”.

REFERRALS AND RECEIPT OF COMMITTEE REPORTS CONCERNING PROPOSED ADMINISTRATIVE RULES

Senate Clearinghouse Rule 24-080

Relating to continuing education.

Submitted by the Optometry Examining Board.

Report received from Agency, April 29, 2025.

Referred to the committee on **Health**, May 9, 2025.

Senate Clearinghouse Rule 24-082

Relating to the definition of “lead exposure” in ch. DHS 163 and “lead poisoning or exposure” in chs. DHS 181 and 182.

Submitted by the Department of Health Services.

Report received from Agency, May 7, 2025.

Referred to the committee on **Health**, May 9, 2025.

The joint committee for review of **Administrative Rules** reported and recommended:

Senate Clearinghouse Rule 24-065

Relating to secure detention for juveniles.

No action taken on May 9, 2025.

Senate Clearinghouse Rule 24-070

Relating to requirements for controlled substances.

No action taken on May 9, 2025.

Senate Clearinghouse Rule 24-081

Relating to peer recovery service providers and reimbursement under the Medical Assistance program.

No action taken on May 9, 2025.

Senate Clearinghouse Rule 24-097

Relating to continuing education.

No action taken on May 9, 2025.

STEVE NASS

Senate Chairperson

The committee on **Health** reported and recommended:

Senate Clearinghouse Rule 24-025

Relating to screening of newborns for congenital disorders.

No action taken on May 9, 2025.

Referred to the joint committee for review of **Administrative Rules**, May 9, 2025.

RACHAEL CABRAL-GUEVARA

Chairperson

ADVICE AND CONSENT OF THE SENATE

**State of Wisconsin
Office of the Governor**

May 9, 2025

The Honorable, the Senate:

I am pleased to nominate and with the advice and consent of the Senate, do appoint NOAH FRITZ, of Milwaukee, as a Traditional Student Representative on the Board of Regents

of the University of Wisconsin System, to serve for the term ending May 1, 2027.

Respectfully Submitted,
TONY EVERS
Governor

Read and referred to the committee on **Universities and Technical Colleges**.

State of Wisconsin
Office of the Governor

May 9, 2025

The Honorable, the Senate:

I am pleased to nominate and with the advice and consent of the Senate, do appoint JEFF HASTINGS, of Westby, as a Southern Area Representative on the Natural Resources Board, to serve for the term ending May 1, 2031.

Respectfully Submitted,
TONY EVERS
Governor

Read and referred to the committee on **Financial Institutions and Sporting Heritage**.

State of Wisconsin
Office of the Governor

May 9, 2025

The Honorable, the Senate:

I am pleased to nominate and with the advice and consent of the Senate, do appoint TOM PALZEWICZ, of Brookfield, as a Congressional District 5 Representative on the Board of Regents of the University of Wisconsin System, to serve for the term ending May 1, 2032.

Respectfully Submitted,
TONY EVERS
Governor

Read and referred to the committee on **Universities and Technical Colleges**.

State of Wisconsin
Office of the Governor

May 9, 2025

The Honorable, the Senate:

I am pleased to nominate and with the advice and consent of the Senate, do appoint WILLIAM H. SMITH, of Shell Lake, as a Northern Area Representative on the Natural Resources Board, to serve for the term ending May 1, 2031.

Respectfully Submitted,
TONY EVERS
Governor

Read and referred to the committee on **Financial Institutions and Sporting Heritage**.

State of Wisconsin
Office of the Governor

May 9, 2025

The Honorable, the Senate:

I am pleased to nominate and with the advice and consent of the Senate, do appoint LINDA TERWILLIGER, of Wausau, as the Congressional District 7 Representative on the Board of Regents of the University of Wisconsin System, to serve for the term ending May 1, 2032.

Respectfully Submitted,
TONY EVERS
Governor

Read and referred to the committee on **Universities and Technical Colleges**.